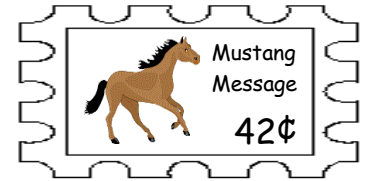


**Hunters Woods Elementary School
for the Arts and Sciences**
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Olivia M. Toatley, Principal

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Principal's Message

Dear Hunters Woods Families and Friends:

The third quarter has ended and we are now making the final push towards the finish line. Our students are continuing to grow and develop. This last quarter of the school year will provide many opportunities for our students to show what they have learned.

Please keep your HWES calendar close as there are many wonderful upcoming activities. For instance this Thursday, April 16 is Primary Science Night at 7 pm which is always a fun and informative event. We hope to see you there.

We want to thank our many volunteers that came to speak to our students on Career Day. We are so grateful for the time and effort that went into preparing presentations to spark an interest in our students. Students had opportunities for hands on experiments, look at items up close that we see daily (I had no idea a stoplight was so big), ask some amazing questions, practice suturing and to even become junior Secret Service agents.

Congratulations to Pat Small and Garry Carter for all of their hard work in making our 2nd Annual Career Day a roaring success. Because of their hard work and incredible attention to details our students were exposed to a wide variety of careers.

Kudos to the JEiT girls for their impressive display and challenge activities. One of our teachers, Ji Ahn and parent, Fionnuala Bean have inspired these young ladies to see science, math and engineering as real career options.

Our PTA is also to be commended for their support. Their support helped us to provide folders, name tags, food, and a wonder greeter, Marina Matthes to check everyone in. Thank you also to the ladies in the front office for making all of our guests feel so welcomed and nourished.

Hunters Woods is truly a place where we see the possibilities!

You may have noticed that we have a new addition to the wall in the front of our building. Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to our fabulous Art department, talented sixth grade students, and creative Artist- in- Residence, Bonnie Fitzgerald for the beautiful mosaic that is adorning the front of our building. What a wonderful forever reminder about our way of being!

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Toatley
Principal

Update Student Information

Changes and updates to the emergency care card for phone numbers, childcare, or emergency contacts need to be made via FCPS 24-7 Learning or in writing and include a parent's signature. Parents can send a signed note including the student's name, teacher's name, and the changes/updates to the office.

Registration for 2009 - 2010

Parents are encouraged to register children who will attend Hunters Woods for the coming 2009 - 2010 school year. Stop by the office between 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to pick up a registration packet or to register. To register a student in FCPS, parents are required to provide proof of residency (copy of lease or deed), the child's original birth certificate, and the school entrance health form completed and signed by a physician. Access additional information regarding starting school online at www.fcps.edu/start/allgrades.htm

Have you moved?



When students have an address change, parents need to complete the "Student Information Update" form and provide proof of residency. A deed, lease agreement, or resident manager's letter is acceptable. If a move occurs during the school year, parents may request that the student finish the school year at Hunters Woods by completing a student transfer application (student assignment) request form. Parents must notify their child's school when their home addresses changes. If families move out of Fairfax County, children are no longer eligible to attend Fairfax County Public Schools and will be withdrawn.

Preschool Survey Form

The preschool survey form has gone out couple weeks ago. It's our annual survey to help the school plan for adequate facilities and personnel for the following year. It also gives us the information needed for our Kindergarten Orientation. Please return the form to the school if you have a child who will enter kindergarten in the fall. Also, complete the form for any child now attending private school but who will enter first or second grade at Hunters Woods in the fall. (To verify if Hunters Woods Elementary School serves your residence, call 703-246-6930 for boundary information.)

If you have any neighbors with preschool children who did not receive a survey form, please share this form with them or ask them to stop by the school to pick up a form. Thank you for your help.

The Book Fair is Coming!

The HWES PTA is pleased to announce the upcoming Spring Book Fair to be held on April 24 through May 1st. The book fair will be open during school hours as well as extended evening hours on Thursday April 30th (6-8:30 PM). A list of books that will be available to purchase, as well as details about the book fair will be distributed in your child's Tuesday folder the week prior to the event. Each classroom will be scheduled to visit the book fair- once to preview and once to purchase. Parents are welcome to preview/purchase books at any time during the book fair.



Bookworm Plantation always provides a terrific selection of books, so plan on visiting the book fair to browse and purchase as well as to volunteer. Volunteers are needed during the open hours as well as for set up on April 24th and for take down on May 1st. Please e-mail bookfair@hwpta.org if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you from the book fair committee,
Eleanor Weis, Karin Richardson and Shreeti Kapoor

Clinic Guidelines

Many students and parents are frequently concerned about when students should stay home from school because of illness. The following information is intended to help with this decision.

General Practice:

- Student has had a fever of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal.
- Student has vomited or had diarrhea, the student should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- Student has any rash that may be disease-related or you do not know the cause, check with your family physician before sending the student to school.
- Student is ill, please call the school to report illness on the first day of absence on the attendance line 703-262-7474.

If you have any questions regarding the above information or illness, please call the school public health nurse of your family physician.



Below is the 4th Grade Dance Demo schedule for the rest of April 2009.

April 21

6th Grade Dance Demo
6:30--Teams 1A,2A,3A
7:30--Teams 1B,2B,3B

April 22

6th Grade Dance Demo
6:30--Teams 4A,5A,6A
7:30--Teams 4B,5B,6B



APRIL'S UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
15	♦ PTA Principal's Coffee ♦ PTA Business Meeting	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
16	♦ Compacted Math Testing ♦ Primary Science Night	All Day 7:00 pm
17	♦ Auction Basket Workshop	2:30 pm
17-18	♦ All County Chorus District Music Solo/Ensemble Festival	
20 - 24	♦ Office/Clinic Staff Appreciation	
21	♦ 6 th Gr Dance Demo	6:30, 7:30 pm
22	♦ K/1 FT GMU ♦ 6 th Gr Dance Demo	9:30 am 6:30, 7:30 pm
23	♦ Take Your Child To Work Day	
27 - May 1	♦ PTA Spring Book Fair	
28	♦ LHMS Rising 7 th Graders Orientation ♦ 2 nd Gr Movement Performance	9:45 am 7 pm
29	♦ 6 th Grade FT Planetarium	9:45 am
30	♦ 6 th Grade Panorama Picture ♦ PTA Book Fair Evening	6-8:30 pm

Energy Zone Kids Fitness Challenge

Research shows children copy the behavior of adults in their life. If parents are physically active, the children will be active too. Exercise burns calories, which assist in maintaining ideal weight. **Fit adults and children exercise 60 minutes per day.**

Keep Moving to Stay in Shape Tips:

- Plan daily family walks.
- Limit television or computer time to 1 to 2 hours per day.
- Make exercise fun.
- Encourage play outside with other children.
- Assign chores that involve activity such as cleaning or walking the dog.
- Help your children find physical activities they enjoy.

Remember, making a healthy change takes time and don't expect perfection.

